

# **STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

## **Regulation of Environmental Protection**

### **Section 19-508-17. Control of Open Burning**

- (a) No person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire except as follows:
  - (1) Barbecues or other outdoor open fires for the cooking of food for human consumption;
  - (2) Campfires, bonfires, and other fires for ceremonial or recreational purposes;
  - (3) Fires to abate a fire hazard provided that the abatement fire is controlled according to directions of a responsible fire official;
  - (4) Fires in salamanders or other devices used by construction or other workers for heating purposes, provided smoke is kept to a minimum and no nuisance is created; and small fires kindled by contractors, which fires are essential to street installation or paving activities, the repairing of utilities, or other similar work.
- (b) The following types of fires are allowed provided that a written certificate has first been obtained from the Commissioner, or his designee;
  - (1) Fires for training personnel in methods of fighting fires;
  - (2) Fires for the prevention or control of diseases or pests;
  - (3) Fires for the prevention, control, or destruction of agricultural diseases and pests, and agricultural burning for vegetation management;
  - (4) Fires for the disposal of dangerous materials where there is no reasonable alternative method of disposal;
  - (5) Any other fires which the Commissioner determines are necessary to thwart or prevent a hazard which cannot be properly managed by any other means or are necessary for the protection of public health.
- (c) A certificate given under Subsection (b) shall be applicable only for the occasion or

the circumstance for which it is obtained, and a new certificate shall be required for all open burning not sanctioned by an existing certificate.

- (d) Certificates approved under Subsection (b) shall be subject to such reasonable conditions as are necessary to avoid a nuisance or to protect the health, safety, or comfort of the public. The Commissioner or his designee shall not issue a certificate under Subsection (b) when he determines that:
  - (1) A hazardous health condition will be created by such burning; or
  - (2) A salvage operation by open burning will be conducted; or
  - (3) A practical and reasonably available alternative method for the disposal of the material to be burned exists: or
  - (4) Such open burning would prevent the attainment or maintenance of a relevant ambient air quality standard.
- (e) If the Commissioner declares an Advisory of Threatening Atmospheric Condition, the first stage of an air pollution emergency episode as set forth in Section 19-508-6, or any other air pollution emergency episode stage, no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire except as specifically provided by Section 19-508-6.